

DEWINE (AND LEVIN) AMENDMENT
NO. 4035

(Ordered to lie on the table.)

Mr. DEWINE (for himself and Mr. LEVIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by them to the bill, H.R. 4733, supra; as follows:

On page 47, strike line 18 and insert the following: \$139,219,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$1,500,000 shall be made available to carry out activities under the John Glenn Great Lakes Basin Program established under section 455 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (42 U.S.C. 1962d-21).

NOTICE OF HEARING

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL
RESOURCES

Mr. MURKOWSKI. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that an oversight hearing has been scheduled before the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will take place on Thursday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in Washington, DC.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony on the transportation of Alaska North Slope natural gas to market and to investigate the cost, environmental aspects, economic impacts and energy security implications to Alaska and the rest of the nation for alternative routes and projects.

For further information, please call Dan Kish at (202) 224-8276 or Jo Meuse at (202) 224-4756.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO
MEET

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON AGING

Mr. CRAIG. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Special Committee on Aging be authorized to meet today, September 5, 2000 from 2:15 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in Dirksen 562 for the purpose of conducting a hearing.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Robert Griffiths, a legislative fellow in my office, be afforded floor privileges during the consideration of H.R. 4444.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from New Mexico.

Mr. DOMENICI. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent Pete Lyons, a fellow in my office, and Dave Hunter with Senator JEFFORDS' office, be given privileges of the floor for the duration of the consideration of the energy and water development bill.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

BREAST CANCER RESEARCH
STAMP REAUTHORIZATION ACT
OF 2000

On July 27, 2000, the Senate amended and passed S. 2386; as follows:

S. 2386

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE SEMIPOSTAL
STAMPS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Semipostal Act of 2000".

(b) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 4 of title 39, United States Code, is amended by striking section 416 (as added by the Semipostal Authorization Act) and inserting the following:

"§ 416. Authority to issue semipostals

"(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section, the term—

"(1) 'agency' means an Executive agency (as defined by section 105 of title 5);

"(2) 'amounts becoming available from the sale of a semipostal under this section' means—

"(A) the total amounts received by the Postal Service with respect to the applicable semipostal in excess of the first class, first ounce rate, reduced by

"(B) an amount equal to the full costs incurred by the Postal Service from the issuance and sale of the average first class, first ounce rate stamp, plus any additional costs incurred by the Postal Service unique to the issuance of the applicable semipostal; and

"(3) 'semipostal' means a special postage stamp which is issued and sold by the Postal Service, at a premium, in order to help provide funding for an issue of national importance.

"(b) AUTHORITY.—The Postal Service may issue no more than 1 semipostal each year, and sell such semipostals, in accordance with this section.

"(c) RATES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The rate of postage on a semipostal issued under this section shall be established by the Governors, in accordance with such procedures as the Governors shall by regulation promulgate (in lieu of the procedures under chapter 36), except that—

"(A) the rate established for a semipostal under this section shall be equal to the rate of postage that would otherwise regularly apply, plus a differential of not to exceed 25 percent; and

"(B) no regular rates of postage or fees for postal services under chapter 36 shall be any different from what such rates or fees otherwise would have been if this section had not been enacted.

"(2) VOLUNTARY USE.—The use of any semipostal issued under this section shall be voluntary on the part of postal patrons.

"(d) AMOUNTS BECOMING AVAILABLE.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The amounts becoming available from the sale of a semipostal under this section shall be transferred to the appropriate agency or agencies under such arrangements as the Postal Service shall by mutual agreement with each such agency establish.

"(2) ISSUES OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND AGENCIES.—Decisions under this section concerning issues of national importance, and the appropriate agency or agencies to receive amounts becoming available under this section, shall be made applying the criteria and procedures established under subsection (f).

"(3) RECOVERY OF COSTS.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 6 months after the date of enactment of the Semipostal Act of 2000, the Postal Service shall establish a system to account for all

revenues and the full costs (including related labor and administrative costs) associated with selecting, developing, marketing, and selling semipostals under this section. The system shall track and account for semipostal revenues and costs separately from the revenues and costs of all other postage stamps.

"(B) PAYMENT.—Before making any payment to any agency under subsection (d)(1), the Postal Service shall recover the full costs incurred by the Postal Service as of the date of such payment.

"(C) MINIMUM COSTS.—The Postal Service shall to the maximum extent practicable keep the costs incurred by the Postal Service in issuing a semipostal to a minimum.

"(4) OTHER FUNDING NOT TO BE AFFECTED.—Amounts which have or may become available from the sale of a semipostal under this section shall not be taken into account in any decision relating to the level of appropriations or other Federal funding to be furnished to an agency in any year.

"(e) CONGRESSIONAL REVIEW.—(1) Before the Postal Service can take action with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal, the Postal Service shall submit to each House of the Congress a report containing—

"(A) a copy of the decision;

"(B) a concise explanation of the basis for the decision; and

"(C) the proposed effective date of the semipostal.

"(2) Upon receipt of a report submitted under paragraph (1), each House shall provide copies of the report to the chairman and ranking member of the Governmental Affairs Committee in the Senate and the Government Reform Committee in the House.

"(3) The decision of the Postal Service with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal shall take effect on the latest of—

"(A) the date occurring 60 days after the date on which the Congress receives the report submitted under paragraph (1);

"(B) if the Congress passes a joint resolution of disapproval described in paragraph 7, and the President signs a veto of such resolution, the earlier date—

"(i) on which either House of Congress votes and fails to override the veto of the President; or

"(ii) occurring 30 session days after the date on which the Congress received the veto and objections of the President; or

"(C) the date the decision would have otherwise been implemented, if not for this section (unless a joint resolution of disapproval under paragraph 7 is enacted).

"(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), the decision of the Postal Service with respect to the implementation of a decision to issue a semipostal shall not be delayed by operation of this subsection beyond the date on which either House of Congress votes to reject a joint resolution of disapproval under paragraph 7.

"(5) The Postal Service shall not implement a decision to issue a semipostal if the Congress enacts a joint resolution of disapproval, described under paragraph 7.

"(6) (A) In addition to the opportunity for review otherwise provided under this chapter, in the case of any decision for which a report was submitted in accordance with paragraph (1) during the period beginning on the date occurring 30 days before the date the Congress adjourns a session of Congress through the date on which the same or succeeding Congress first convenes its next session, this section shall apply to such rule in the succeeding session of Congress.

"(B) In applying this section for purposes of such additional review, a decision described under paragraph (1) shall be treated as though—